

**PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT[641]**

**Adopted and Filed**

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 147A.4, the Department of Public Health hereby amends Chapter 132, “Emergency Medical Service—Service Program Authorization,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The rules in Chapter 132 describe the standards for the authorization of EMS services. These amendments remove references to basic care.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the November 17, 2010, Iowa Administrative Bulletin as **ARC 9240B**. No comments were received. The adopted amendments are identical to those published under Notice.

The State Board of Health adopted these amendments on January 12, 2011.

These amendments will become effective on March 16, 2011.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 147A.

The following amendments are adopted.

ITEM 1. Rescind the definitions of “Basic ambulance service” and “Basic care” in rule **641—132.1(147A)**.

ITEM 2. Amend paragraph **132.7(5)“a”** as follows:

*a.* A temporary service program authorization may be issued to services that wish to operate during special events that may need emergency medical care coverage ~~at a level other than basic care~~. Temporary authorization is valid for a period of 30 days unless otherwise specified on the certificate of authorization or unless sooner suspended or revoked. Temporary authorization shall apply to those requirements and standards for which the department is responsible. Applicants shall complete and submit the necessary forms to the department at least 30 days prior to the anticipated date of need.

ITEM 3. Rescind and reserve subparagraph **132.8(2)“a”(1)**.

ITEM 4. Amend subrule 132.8(9) as follows:

**132.8(9) Implementation.** The director may grant exceptions and variances from the requirements of this chapter for any ambulance or nontransport service. Exceptions or variations shall be reasonably related to undue hardships which existing services experience in complying with this chapter. Services requesting exceptions and variances shall be subject to other applicable rules adopted pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 147A. ~~Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to require any nontransport service to provide a level of care beyond minimum basic care standards.~~

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